



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Public Lands Day

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families lead a more active lifestyle and reduces the incidence of childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, land conservation efforts improve access to public lands by urban residents and work to break down barriers that prevent Americans from actively utilizing their public lands; and


WHEREAS, a collaboration among state and local residents, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and


WHEREAS, Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands and is co-ordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service as national partners, and the event has become an annually anticipated event for local participation on publicly held lands in this great State of Rhode Island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2012 Public Lands Day in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 19th day of September, 2012




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor